

Q. Who pays the Drainage System Utility Fee?

A. The fee is applicable to developed properties within the Town limits and is included with the water, sewer and refuse bill. If the owner of a property normally pays for utility services on a property, the drainage utility fee will be sent to the owner for payment. If an occupant, or tenant, of the property is responsible for payment of utilities, the Town considers the occupant to be responsible for payment of the drainage utility fee. However, the owner will be expected to pay the drainage utility fee if the property has been vacated by a tenant.

Q. Who does not pay the Drainage System Utility Fee?

A. Properties exempted from the fee include: Undeveloped property, state property, public or private institutions of higher education, churches and Town owned properties.

Q. How did the Town calculate my Residential Drainage System Utility Fee?

A. The residential fee is based on the parcel size established in property records on file with the County.

Q. How did the Town calculate my Commercial Drainage System Utility Fee?

A. The non-residential fee is based on the impervious area for the entire lot and may be allocated to several utility accounts depending on how the property is used by each customer on the property. The impervious area was measured in square feet (SF) from 2009-10 aerial photography and/or site plans provided to the Town with the building permit application.

Q. What do I do if I think my non-residential fee is not calculated correctly?

A. A customer may provide to the Town additional information about the impervious area from land surveys or other documentation for review by the Town Engineer for accuracy of the fee.



DRAINAGE SYSTEM UTILITY FEE



For more information: www.prospertx.gov

Stormwater Information: 972-346-3502



In 1989, the Texas State Legislature authorized political subdivisions, like the Town of Prosper, to create a Stormwater Utility System dedicated to the management of its stormwater (drainage) facilities. The legislation also allowed for the changing of a dedicated fee to fund the utility.

The Town of Prosper established its Drainage System Utility in August 2008. The Town adopted the ordinance enabling the collection of a **Drainage System Utility Fee** in July 2009 and began collecting the fee in November 2009.

The revenue from utility fees paid to the Drainage System Utility can **only** be spent on stormwater related activities and will continue to provide a funding source for much needed maintenance, repair, and construction of stormwater facilities.

Creeks through the Town drain to area lakes, which are sources for drinking water. By working to minimize the pollutants put into our creeks, fewer pollutants have to be treated and removed from the water before it's safe to drink. This fee helps the city comply with state and federal mandates to prevent flooding, protect creeks, and reduce erosion

Beginning **October 1, 2017**, the Town of Prosper will be **revising** the monthly **Drainage System Utility Fee.**

Residential properties will be assessed at the **new rates** listed on the following page of this notice. Commercial properties will continue to be assessed according to the total impervious area within the developments.

- ★ Eligible seniors may receive a credit of the **Drainage System Utility Fee** by applying for the **Senior Affordability Discount** at the Utility Billing Office located at 121 W. Broadway. Application also available on the Utility Billing page at: www.prospertx.gov.
- ★ Effective October 1, 2017, credit will be automatically applied to those accounts already enrolled in the Senior Affordability Discount program.

For more information on Drainage System Utility Management, contact Development Services at 972-346-3502 or visit

www.prospertx.gov

For questions or issues regarding billing, call 972-346-2640

New Rates for Single Family Residential Properties

Tier 1 -

Lot Size < 10,000 sq. ft. Fee is \$1.85 per month



Tier 2 -

Lot Size ≥ 10,000 sq. ft. Fee is \$4.00 per month



New Rates for Commercial Properties

(Including Multi-Family)



Fee equals \$0.057 per 100 sq. ft. of impervious area. Minimum Commercial Fee to be \$2.75 per month per property.